



# MARYLAND Department of Juvenile Services

## Backbone Mountain Youth Center

*Successful Youth • Strong Leaders • Safer Communities*

### DJS MISSION:

By law, DJS is a child-serving agency responsible for assessing the individual needs of referred youth and providing intake, detention, probation, commitment, and after-care services. DJS collaborates with youth, families, schools, community partners, law enforcement, and other public agencies to coordinate services and resources to contribute to safer communities.

DJS welcomes parents, legal guardians, and grandparents to visit youth during visiting hours. Special visits can also be requested through the Facility Case Manager or Superintendent.

### VISITATION HOURS:

*Saturday:*

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

*Sunday:*

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**



*Youth and staff during Family Fun Day*

**124 Camp 4 Road, Swanton Maryland 21562 Phone: (301) 359-9190 Fax: (301) 359-0811  
TDD: (800) 735-2258**

The Backbone Mountain Youth Center is one of seven treatment programs operated by the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services (DJS). The Center, located in Garrett County, serves up to 48 boys from across the State, between the ages of 14-18. The facility provides individualized rehabilitative and mental health counseling services. Specialized treatment and services include life skills, behavior modification, substance abuse education, and anger management groups. All youth are afforded access to medical services. Recreational, religious, and volunteer programs also are provided, as well as a variety of enrichment activities.

The Maryland State Department of Education provides accredited educational and vocational programming to each youth at the facility. Eligible youth may obtain their General Educational Development (GED) or concentrate on advanced studies.

DJS HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR SEXUAL ABUSE OR SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF YOUTH.

IF YOU SUSPECT OR HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF A YOUTH BEING SEXUALLY ABUSED OR SEXUALLY HARASSED BY EITHER A STAFF MEMBER OR ANOTHER YOUTH, PLEASE CONTACT THE FACILITY ADMINISTRATOR AT (301) 359-9190.

*FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [WWW.DJS.MARYLAND.GOV](http://WWW.DJS.MARYLAND.GOV)*